Political and General News.

Redemption of Relief Notes.

☞ We publish the following sections for the redemption of the relief issue for the information of our readers who will rejoice at the disappearance of this trash from our currency.

SEC. 98. That hereafter the receipts to the Sinking Fund, to the amount that may be necessary to cancel the relief notes now in circulation, under the provisions of the Act of the fourth of May, one thousand eight hundred and forty one, and the reissue under the Act of the tenth April, one thousand eight hundred and forty-nine, shall be, and are hereby appropriated toward the cancellation of said notes in the following manner, to wit: It shall be the duty of the State Treasurer on the first day of June next, and at the expiration of *every three months* thereafter, until the whole amount of said notes shall have been cancelled, to ascertain the amount of money in the Treasury due to the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, and proceed to pay over to said Commissioners the amount so ascertained, in the most defaced and worn of the relief issues, which may be found in the Treasury at such period: *Provided*, That in case the amount of relief notes found in the Treasury shall not equal the sum due to said Commissioners at the expiration of the aforesaid *periods*, then and in that case the balance so due shall be paid into the Sinking Fund by said officers, to be invested in State stock in the manner prescribed by the creating said Fund.

SEC. 99. That the State Treasurer and said Commissioners shall keep an accurate account of the relief notes so paid over, their denomination, the name of the banks by which issued, and the amount issued by each, and whereupon, the Auditor General, at the time said notes are so delivered, and in the presence of the aforesaid officers, shall proceed to cancel and destroy the same.

SEC. 100. That it shall be the duty of the Auditor General to ascertain the amount of the issues of each bank, in said notes which may be outstanding on the first day of June next, and at the expiration of each period of cancellation, to inform the officers of the banks respectively of the amount and denomination of their notes, which have been cancelled as provided in the foregoing sections of this Act.

SEC. 101. That if it shall appear in the course of the cancellation of said issue, that a greater amount of said notes shall have been put in circulation by any bank than the sum authorized to be issued for the use of the State, in all such cases the banks issuing the same, on being notified of the fact by the Auditor General, shall proceed to cancel said notes as fast as they may be offered at their business office, and any attempt to put said notes in circulation after such notice, shall subject the officers of such bank to all the penalties provided for in Act of the General Assembly, passed the sixteenth of April, Anno Domini, one thousand eight hundred and fifty, entitled "An Act to prohibit the circulation of notes under the denomination of five dollars," and in all cases where the amount authorized to be issued for the use of the State, shall have been cancelled as aforesaid, it shall be the duty of the State Treasurer to refuse to receive said excess issues for debts due to the State; when the amount of notes presented for cancellation shall not equal the amount issued for the use of the State, such deficiency shall be regarded as the usual waste in the use of said notes, and shall inure to the benefit of the State.

SEC. 102. That from and after the first day of June, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five, it shall not be lawful for any bank in this Commonwealth to pay out said notes at their counter or use them in any manner in the transaction of their business, nor shall County Treasurers, Toll Collectors, or any other receiving officers of the government pay out said notes, but they shall cause them to be delivered to the State Treasurer, who shall receive them for debts due the Commonwealth, or redeem them in par funds, and shall cause them to be cancelled and destroyed in the manner provided in the foregoing sections of this Act.

Dreadful Murder.

Another horrible murder has just been brought to light. Mrs. Sigsby, living at No. 44 Murison-st., has been killed in a most shocking manner. She was a dress maker, and lived alone in a small house. For the last three or four days all the doors have been shut, and the curtains drawn down. This having continued for so long a time, the neighbors began to suspect foul play, and some workmen going to the spot, with Mr. Gallagher, forced in a window, and the body was discovered lying in the kitchen, with the throat cut from ear to ear, and the head nearly severd from the trunk which had evidently been lying for some days.

There was scarcely any blood in the room, and no instrument was found in the house with which the murder could have been committed.

It is thought that Mrs. Sigsby had some money and jewelry, and as nothing of this kind has been found around her dwelling, that the murderer has taken all, after committing the foul deed. To corroborate this, one of the neighbors informed us that the deceased had a watch, with two gold chains, and several breast pins, which articles have not been discovered.

Further developments will probably be made in a short time. Great excitement prevailed yesterday, and a large crowd was near the scene of the murder nearly all day. Every exertion possible will be made to ferret out the murderer and bring him to justice, and we doubt not but that he will eventually be discoverd.

FRIGHTFUL ACCIDENT.—On Thursday evening last, about five o'clock, the roof of the Sharon Rolling Mill caught fire. A number of persons got upon it to extinguish the flames, when a portion of roof broke in, and fifteen or twenty persons fell a distance of forty feet. A man from ten miles east of Mercer, name unknown, and a boy, were instantly killed. Wm. Graham, of West Lackawannock, and another man whose name we have not ascertained, have since died. Rees Williams, Wm. Coates, Wm. Scott, Thomas Thompson, John Jones, and a son of Mr. Mounts, are very severly injured. Medical assistance was summoned from the neighboring towns, and all was done by the inhabitants of Sharon that humanity could dictate, to alleviate the sufferings of the injured.

The fire did little damage to the works.—*Mercer Dem.*

There are three kinds of men in this world—the "will's," the "wont's," and the "cant's." The former effect everything, and the other oppose everything, and the latter fail in everything. I "will" build our Railroads and steamboats; I "wont" don't believe in experiments and nonsense; while I "can't" grows weeds for wheat, and commonly ends his days in the slow digestion of a court of bankruptcy.

CONTRACT FOR SPERM OIL.—The contract for supplying the light-houses upon the Lakes with 17,200 gallons of sperm oil, half winter and half spring, has been taken by Elw. M. Robinson, Esq., of this city, at prices which are not made public. It will be remembered that the Light-house Board in the advertisement for the "Proposals," reserved "the right to reject any bid, though it may be the lowest, from other considerations than its amount."—*New Bedford Mercury.*

☞ A block of fine white marble, six feet long by two and a half feet wide, has just been finished in Washington for the National Washington Monument. An open Bible in alto relief is displayed on the center, with the words in raised letters on each side of it. "The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, in session in Washington City, May, 1852." The assembly made a liberal appropriation for this stone, the design of which was furnished in a resolution passed by that body.—*Balt. Amer.*

A HUNTER OF KENTUCKY.—The correspondent of the Evansville *Journal* writes as follows about a Kentucky hunter:—"Wat Eckman—it would do you good to see him—has followed hunting for a livelihood since the year 1831. Since that period he says he has killed 38 bears, 984 wolves, 3,847 coons, 990 foxes, 961 wild geese, 2,040 pheasants, 44 ground hogs, 80 wild cats, 14 polecats, 290 minks, besides squirrel, quail, and other small game beyond his power to calculate. The sum he has realized from his game, skins, &c., falls but little short of twelve thousand dollars.

☞ A slight shock of an earthquake was experienced in Washington, May 2d, about twenty minutes past 9 o'clock, lasting but a few moments, causing very perceptible vibrations in different parts of the city.

Erie Weekly Observer.

ERIE, PA.

SATURDAY MORNING, MAY 7, 1853.

Democratic State Nominations.

FOR CANAL COMMISSIONER,

THOMAS H. FORSYTH,

OF PHILADELPHIA COUNTY.

FOR AUDITOR GENERAL,

EPHRAIM BANKS,

OF MIFFLIN COUNTY.

FOR SURVEYOR GENERAL,

J. PORTER BRAWLEY,

OF CRAWFORD COUNTY.

Death Of Judge Gibson.

By despatches from Philadelphia, we learn that Judge Gibson of the Supreme Court, died in that city yesterday morning. This event has been anticipated for some time past, owing to the enfeebled state of his health—Judge Gibson has for many years been looked upon as one of the most distinguished jurists in the country, and his opinions have always been regarded as law by members of the bar. He was for many years Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, having we believe, succeeded Chief Justice Tilghman to that place. Upon the adoption of the Elective Judiciary measures, the services of the old Supreme Bench, were dispensed with. Judge Gibson, however, was nominated by the *Democratic St Convention* and elected, although Judge Black was chosen Chief Justice. By the death of Judge Gibson, a vacancy will occur in the Supreme Bench, which will be filled by an appointment from the Governor, until the next annual election. In the meantime it will become necessary to hold a special State Convention, to nominate a candidate to be voted for on the second Tuesday of October next.—*Pitts. Post.*

JUDICIAL DISTRICTS.—Before the Adjournment of the Legislature, a bill was passed and became a law, changing the Judicial Districts of this State somewhat. The eleventh district is now composed of Columbia, Luzerne, Carbondale city and Wyoming county, presided over by Hon J. N. Conyngham. Montour county has been joined with Northumberland and Lycoming counties, and they comprise the present Eighth District, Hon. Alexander Jordan is President Judge. Clearfield, Centre and Clinton have been formed into a new district, and James Burnside, Esq., of Centre county, has been appointed President Judge by Gov. Bigler.—*Pitts. Post.*

The Other Side.

The Detroit *Free Press*, in speaking of the Maine Law, says: "if it be true that the Maine Law has been opposed by Democrats it has been for the reason that it contains provisions antagonistic to the genius of democracy. And so it does. No democrat can vote for it without making an assault upon personal rights and upon personal liberty. The Maine law introduces a system of espionage that is revolting. It sets secret spies upon every man, and pays informers for their dirty work. Under it, any petty constable can enter upon the premises of a citizen, search his cellars and his garrets, his store and his out-houses, seize and carry off his property, and, on the judgement of a justice of the peace, destroy it. Beautiful, is it not?"

☞ We have received the first number of "*The Democrat*," a Democratic paper just started at Jefferson, the county seat of Ashtabula county, Ohio. It is published by S. D. DAVIS, with B J LEONIS, Esq., as Editor. The *Democrat* is a respectable paper for size and typographical execution, and we hope it may succeed in dispelling some of the darkness from that heretofore whig-ridden portion of Ohio. Success attend the publishers.

IMPORTANT SUIT AGAINST A LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY.—For several days past, a suit has been pending against the Secretary of the "United States Life Insurance Company," of Philadelphia, before Chief Justice Edmonds of the Supreme Court of New York. It appears the Company obtained their Charter in the State of Pennsylvania, and through the Secretary, Charles G Imley, a great portion of their business is transacted in the City of New York, in violation of the laws of our State, which requires Companies chartered in other States, to deposit securities to the amount of $100,000, with the State Comptroller. In default of this, the penalty is $500, and on Thursday the Jury rendered a verdict for the full amount against the Secretary of the above Company. District Attorney Blunt conducted the case on the part of the people, and that officer had still several additional suits for the same violation, to bring against the Company, with penalties of $500 attached to the case.

THE CLEVELAND MURDER.—The Cleveland *Herald* states that Elizabeth Baker and Sophia Bain were arrested on Saturday last, on charge of being concerned in the murder of Christina Sigsby. These women lived nearly opposite the house where the murder was committed; they had a quarrel with the deceased; their house was closed for several days, which with other circumstances, caused them to be suspected. The Mayor of Cleveland has issued a proclamation, offering $500 reward for the apprehension of the murderer of Mrs. C. Sigsby, to be paid on conviction.

Sale of the Public Works.

This seems to be a favorite scheme with a portion of the citizens of our State who seem to think that it will be economy, and lead to a much less expenditure than is required at present to carry on the Government of the State. A few years ago the sale of the whole works belonging to the State, was asked for, but now the main line only seems to be required, while at the same time the remaining works are set forth as being profitable in the extreme. Now, it strikes us as rather a singular state of affairs that a company should ask to be put in possession, at the enormous cost of fifteen millions of dollars, of a work which the advocate of the measure shows falls several thousand dollars short, yearly, of paying expenses. Depend upon it it there is something behind the bush; something that is not held up to public view in the matter. The speech of Mr. Strong, of Philadelphia, which we have perused carefully, looks very well on paper, and may be all true, but we venture the prediction that a counter statement can be made which will show fall as well for the work as his does against it. We know nothing of the subject except from the reports of the persons having the work in charge, and those show anything but results which have been figured out by Mr. Strong.—The public improvements of other States are made to pay large revenues into the treasury, and we can see no reason why ours may not do the same, if they do not already.

Another reason why this sale should not take place, is that it will create a *corporation of such vast powers* that it will henceforth and forever control the whole State, and bring the remainder of the public works, and all others in fact, into its own capacious maw, subjecting them to such rules and regulations as will best suit its own interests. We have had, during the the past winter some specimens of corporate influence, from corporations belonging to our neighboring states, enough we should think to make us careful of granting privileges at home, or putting soulless rulers over us, at the expense of every interest but their own. Profiting by the experience of other States, we should be careful about creating such powerful corporations to rule with an iron hand.

At present, we are opposed to the sale of any portion of the public works, believing that the scheme is not got up for the benefit of the State, but on the contrary, for a private speculation at her expense.

MONROE HUTCHINSON, Esq., has been appointed Post Master at Girard, vice A. Battles, Esq., removed.

JOHN W. FOSTER, a Quaker, and a leading Rhode Island Abolitionist, has recently renounced his abolitionism, and in doing so, says that those who make up the Abolition party are quacks—that they are sincere only in their desire to humbug the public, and that they have injured the slave to an extent that cannot be repaired in a quarter of a century.

State Central Committee.

The President of the late Democratic State Convention, announces the following State Central Committee, in conformity with the resolution of the Convention, directing him to appoint the Committee. The Committee will meet at the Merchant's Hotel, in the City of Philadelphia, on Saturday, the 21st day of May, at 4 o'clock, P. M. The Democratic papers in the State will please publish this notice.

In order to make a convenient and effective organization throughout the State, it will be proposed to constitute a General State Committee of Correspondence composed of one from each County. In view of this arrangement, the Democratic Standing Committee of each County is requested to nominate one member for said Committee and forward the nomination to the subscriber, in time to lay before the State Central Committee at their meeting, to be held on the 21st of May.

Philadelphia, April 21, 1853. WM. L HIRST.

State Central Committee.

Hon. James Burnside, Centre.
John A Ahl, Cumberland.
William Badger, Philadelphia.
Henry B Beardslee, Wayne.
Hon. Byron D. Hamlin, McKean.
Hon. Charles R Buckalew, Columbia.
William Curtis, Philadelphia.
Hon. John Cessna, Bedford.
James C. Clarke, Westmoreland.
Francis C. Carson, Dauphin.
Hon. William Dock, Dauphin.
Hon. John L Dawson, Fayette.
Henry L. Deffenbach, Clinton.
John C. Evans, Berks.
Hon. Thos B. Florence, Philadelphia.
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John W. Forney, Philadelphia.
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Hon William Goodwin, Philadelphia.
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Charles M Hall, Schuylkill.
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Joseph Y James, Warren.
Thomas Jameson, York.
Owen Jones, Montgomery.
Hora R Kneass, Philadelphia.
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Hon. John S. McCalmont, Clarion.
Henry S. Mott, Pike.
R. Emmett Monaghan, Chester.
William H Miller, Perry.
John O'Brien, Philadelphia.
Benjamin Parke, Dauphin.
Henry M. Phillips, Philadelphia.
George Plitt, Philadelphia.
Hon. James W. Quiggle, Clinton.
Samuel L Reynolds, Lancaster.
Levi Reynolds, Delware.
J L Ringwalt, Monroe.
Hon John Robbins, Jr Philadelphia.
Edmund N. Stagers, Philadelphia.
Hon. George Sanderson, Bradford.
T. J. P. Stokes, Philadelphia.
F. B. Streeter, Susquehanna.
Thomas S Stewart, Philadelphia.
Hiram B Swarr, Lancaster.
James C Vandyke, Philadelphia.
Richard Vaux, Philadelphia.
Harrison Wright, Luzerne.
George Williams, Philadelphia.
W. W. Wise, Jefferson.
Hon William H. Witte, Philadelphia.
William Henry Welsh, York.

The Whig Party.

The editor of the *Gazette* still insists that there *is* a whig party, and that it is all-powerful, all-sufficient, and will give the Democrats "*jesse*" the next time it gets a lick at them. We did not intend to hurt the feelings of our neighbor, but when we saw two such distinguished political doctors as the *Gazette* and *Tribune* differing, we could not help making a note of it. The paragraph alluded to had as much of the grave-yard whistle in it; such an appeal to its thinned ranks to take courage, even with these facts staring them in the face, that it amused us very much. It amused us the more because it was the first encouraging word that we have seen addressed to the "*whig party*," since the defeat of their great champion last fall. No whig editor has heretofore been found that has had the hardihood to even sound a note, for a rally, even to defend the very heart of their camp, amid the desolation that has followed the party for several years past, and this we opine is as the bright glow which a candle snuff sometimes emits after the blaze has been extinguished, ere it goes out, forever.

That there was a large party voted for Gen. Scott, we do not for a moment deny, but the question is where are they now? Let the *Gazette* look around itself and answer. Are they in the city of New York? in Albany, in Syracuse, in Utica, in Rochester, in Buffalo, in Cleveland, in Toledo, in Detroit, in Cincinnati, in Columbus? Are they even in our own city? We answer no! Those large cities were formerly all of them whig, now they are nearly all Democratic. We are not contending that there is not a party opposed to Democracy; but we are contending that that party is not now the whig party, and can never again be brought into the field as such. Almost the entire Fillmore portion of the party are out in support of the present administration, even to the organ of that party at Washington. That paper is said to have admonished its friends to abandon the sinking cause of whigery and cleave to Democracy as the only salvation for themselves and the country. We admit also the truth of the article quoted for our benefit, but who is the leader that can marshal them, and upon what platform? They got so near the Democratic platform in the last contest that one had to examine very close to discover the difference, and we will not pretend to say how many votes they got from us by so doing. Our neighbor of the *Crescent*, also gives us no very cogent reason for the dissolution of the whig party, which the *Gazette* would do well to examine, for we trust that even his assertion; whig as he was, and whig as he is not now is some evidence of the fact asserted by us last week.

What shape, or form, or doctrines the late whig party will assume in the future, remains to be seen, but that there is no whig party now, is a self evident fact, and needs not an argument to prove, the *Gazette* to the contrary notwithstanding. We put our assertion against his and time will tell which is right.

☞ Authority has been given our councils to levy local assessments for the improvement of the streets of the city, and we should like to see a commencement made in the matter. The condition of our streets has long been a subject of remark, not only among ourselves, but by all visitors from places abroad. We are all anxious that our city should look as well, be as clean and well regulated generally as her neighbors, but she will never be in that situation until her citizens take hold of the matter in earnest, and go forward with the zeal that characterizes other towns near us. No town on the lake shore can boast of a more pleasant or healthy location, or one that offers greater inducements for people to settle down and live in; but we do want a good system of street improvement commenced and carried out upon the cheapest and most permanent plan that can be devised. We hope our city fathers will take take the matter in hand and urge it forward, so that at least one street in the city may be made passable before the rains of the coming Fall and Winter.

STRONGER THAN AN ARMY WITH BANNERS.—A number of small-pox patients, in Oglethorpe, Georgia, made a stampede from the buildings in which they were confined by the civil authorities, and in different stages of the fearful malady, fell upon the officers and put them to flight. Mayor Serrell called out the military to suppress the disturbance; they, however, made but poor resistance to their diseased opponents, firing in great confusion at their approach. At last accounts, small-pox had the day, and the disorder was subsiding.

☞ With regard to the superintendent we have but one word to say. If the editor of the *Gazette* did not know what we asserted, and what we supposed he "*did* know," we have done him wrong. The only way we can account for his lack of knowledge in the matter is that he is either of too little consequence to be consulted in such matters, or else secrets are deemed unsafe with him; we know not which. The facts are as we stated, and we only erred in using the plural instead of the singular number, in speaking of its knowledge to other parties.

☞ There is much difficulty in living in Paris at present, and more distress than formerly among people of small fortunes.

Pittsburgh and Erie Railroad Once More.

We see in nearly all the papers published between this place and Pittsburgh, notice of the letting *again* of "the whole line" of this road, "from Erie to the Ohio river, together with its branches," and we notice it as an item of news for the benefit of those interested.

Among the multiplicity of railroad projects, and the endless variety of gambling in routes and charters for roads over the country, we know no other that has been the subject of such continual and persevering attempts to force itself upon the community as has this one. The charter was taken out for the express purpose of drawing the builders of the road from this city west, off their ground, and failing in that, it has been floating round from place to place seeking buyers, and offering itself, with pretended powers to build roads anywhere and everywhere, between Lake Erie on the north, and the Ohio river on the South, and branches east and west without number. Three lettings of the whole line, have taken place before, with just as much of a prospect of completion as at present, but they all appeared to be for buncomb and have vanished in thin air. Whether the last will do so, remains to be seen. We predict that it will. Whenever we hear people talking of building railroads that they acknowledge will not pay, we set it down that they don't intend to do it, because men are not generally so fond of serving the public as to do it at their own expense. Hence we never believed that any one for a moment intended to build this road, but we do believe that the whole effort has been to use it for the purpose of making money out of it instead of doing the work—for proof of which it is only necessary to examine the history of its existence.

But it has been again let, "with *all* its branches."—What this letting will bring forth we shall see. We hope good—we predict, *nothing*.

☞ The *Gazette* says that our representatives voted for the bill to submit the Maine Liquor law to the people, and therefore no blame can be attached to them, and that they have done their duty. Now we are not going to find any fault with Messrs Skinner, Kelso or Hills, for their course upon this question. We don't consider the act of enough importance to require either "faint praise" or blame, when it was known by all those gentlemen that the proposed act was unconstitutional, as like acts have been so decided heretofore, in this State. Legislators are not sent to Harrisburgh to ask the people if they may make laws, but with the help of the Governor to make them; and we will not for a moment suppose that our members did not know this fact. There is, however, we believe quite another reason, for the support which that act obtained in both Houses. Quite a respectable portion of their constituents clamored for the "Maine Law," and none of the Legislators wanted to become notorious enough to advocate the real animal, so, upon the principle of "a lump of sugar for a spoiled child," they gave then this act to quiet their worrying—Let the the temperance men say how much credit is due to any one for the support of the bill under the circumstances.

BAD NEWS FOR PANIC MAKERS.—It seems that the agricultural interests are bound to prosper, and that even the wool growers are to live, even under the present "ruinous tariff." The Rural *New Yorker* says the prospect for the coming clip of wool is quite as flattering as the public has been led to expect. From all parts of the country we have reliable information that mills that have been standing idle are to be put into operation as soon as the necessary stock can be obtained.

European advices represent that the stock on hand is light and prices high. In Germany the new clip has been contracted for at much oigher prices than those of last year.

We also find mention of an extensive and important sale of wool in New York, on the 27th inst. The competition was quite spirited, and the prices realized were fully ten per cent. higher than was generally anticipated, and in advance of rates lately realized at private sale.—Lots were wanted by manufacturers to carry them on until the new clip comes in; and this, in addition to the provident feeling that the stock on hand is limited, tended to send up prices. The aggregate amount sold reaches $400,000. Common American fleece brought 45c; ¾ blood do 52; fine do 55a61.

ARRIVAL OF CURIOSITIES.—The brig *Magnet*, which lately arrived at this port from St John, brought among her cargo eleven fat seals and what is more singular an ice monkey. This animal was found in the Arctic regions by Dr. Harvey, a gentleman who has been engaged for some time in hunting seals. When found, his monkey ship appeared to be enjoying the blissfulness of his situation by dodging about, so peculiar to the tribe, sundry icebergs frozen in the ice. The monkey, so far as has been elucidated, lives entirely on the ice, subsisting on fish, and to relieve the monotony of his quiet life, he socially communes with the many walruses and seals that occasionly poke their noses out of the water and struggle about. The seals are to be sent the world's Fair Exhibition.—*Boston Tran.*

☞ The *Independent Democrat*, of Mercer, is congratulating itself and the people of Mercer, on the prospect of being speedily connected with New York and St Louis by railroad of a continuous gauge, which road the editor seems to think is a sure thing, and to be completed in the course of two or three weeks. Now we hope our neighbor is not to be disappointed and that his railroad will really be built; but we would say to him, put not your faith in railroads, for nothing in this uncertain world is more uncertain than they are. The managers consult their own interests, regardless of any body else, and regardless of the country through which they pass, and he need not be astonished, if the road is built at all, to find that it does not go within twenty miles of Mercer.

We have seen powder burned on the strength of railroad news that looked as favorable as the project spoken of in the *Democrat*, and then had the grand satisfaction of quietly looking on and seeing the thing fizzle! Neighbor *don't get excited!*

INFORMATION WANTED.—Left his home at Millcreek, near Erie, some time in February, an Englishman, Samuel Wilson by name, aged 50 years; height 5 feet 7 inches; hair dark; eyes dark; complexion swarthy, his business is that of a laborer (has formerly been a soldier), is somewhat bald; is dressed in black frock coat, black vest, and mixed pants. Whoever will give information of said individual, will oblige the undersigned.

Address MARY WILSON,
Kingsville, Ohio.

MOTHER MURDERED BY A SON.—Hugh Drum murdered his mother, by shooting her, in the town of Menomonee, on Monday evening last. The only provocation for the inhuman act, was the parent's refusing to convey to him a piece of land. He also attempted the life of his step father. The murderer is still at large. He is an Irishman 22 years of age.—*Milwaukie News.*

LEGISLATIVE STRIKE.—The Massachusetts House of Representatives have struck for $2 50 instead of $2 per diem compensation as heretofore. Of course their strike was successful. The third, or lobby house, will probably follow in the movement, as their duties will become more arduous with the increase in the pay of the Legislature.

The legislators of Pennsylvania have a different way of "striking" for wages. They *strike* at the pockets of those who want favors, and they are said not to be very moderate in their demands either.

LAUGHTER.—A hearty laugh occasionally is an act of wisdom. It shakes the cobwebs out of a man's brains, and the hypochondria from his ribs far more effectually than either champaign or blue pill. One of the Emperors of Japan is said to have killed himself by immoderately laughing, on being told that the Americans were governed without a king.

☞ In a breach of promise case the following evidence was put in by the plaintiff, against the defendent:

"Elizabeth Crocker, my dear,
I love you, dear, true and sincere;
I cannot express my mind,
But my heart is truly thine.

I tell you as plainly as man can speak,
I love you as true as my life;
And I shall never be easy, my dear,
Until you become my wife.
If you object to me, I never will ask woman again
For one year, two, or ten."

The lovely of such poetry in this had to pay $1500 damages. Served him right.

ITEMS FROM ALL SOURCES.

☞ Diamonds are sometimes found in the crops of chickens in the diamond districts of Brazil.

☞ The contributions to the Washington monument amount in April to $2,091.

☞ Lamartine is dying; his physicians have no hope of him.

☞ Edinburg is projecting a great Industrial Exhibition, to be held next year.

☞ On Thursday, over 700 immigrants from Europe arrived at Philadelphia, and on Saturday, 396 more.

☞ The Hon. John C. Kunkle, of Dauphin, was elected Speaker of the Senate, prior to the adjournment.

☞ The grand jury of Tazwell county, Va, has presented the late Legislature of that State as a nuisance.

☞ John Hancock, of Revolutionary memory, now over 80 years of age, is still living in Boston, in the enjoyment of excellent health.

☞ Mercer county has been attached to the Eighteenth Judicial District, over which Hon. J. C. Knox presides.

☞ The double track of the Hudson River Railroad, from New York to Albany, will be completed and in use in the course of a few days.

☞ The "rapping" mania is filling the lunatic asylums with victims, and doing more mischief than any other nuisance that ever existed.

☞ As many as forty barrels of fresh fish, packed in ice, are carried to Cincinnati, daily, from Kaudukey and Cleveland.

☞ The Metropolitan Bank, a bogus concern at Cincinnati, has been closed, and its owner committed to jail.

☞ The man who attempted to swallow a bar of soap, has injured his voice by trying to sing a stave of a molasses cask.

MADAME SONTAG has great success in Boston. Single tickets were sold as high as $4 and $5 to hear her in "Lucretia Borgia."

IT IS SAID that the Ericsson will be ready for sea by the 1st of July, when her wrought iron cylinder-bottoms shall have been put in, and proceed direct to London.

A LADY, "bearded like the Pard," is one of the lions or lionesses of Boston. It is said that she is so fond of her beard as the Turks are of the beard of Mahomet.

☞ The loss by the late fire at the Navy Yard, at first estimated at near $350,000, is now stated, on official authority, to amount to $43,508 53

☞ Senator Pearce, of Maryland, it is stated, has accepted the invitation to deliver the address at the Ohio State Fair, at Dayton, in September next.

☞ The Boston papers say that Miss Shimmin is the richest young lady in that city. She pays a tax on property to the amount of $320,000.

☞ The bed-chamber of Napoleon, at St Helena, is now a stable, and the room in which he breathed his last is used for threshing and winnowing wheat.

☞ The collector of the port of New York has received a letter, signed "Importer," containing $525, which the writer says belongs to the Government.

☞ A sentimental chap in Rhode Island, intends to petition Congress, at its next session, for an appropriation to improve the channels of affection, so that henceforth the "course of true love may run smooth."

☞ Rev. Mr Badin, a pioneer Catholic priest aged 98 years, died at the residence of Archbishop Purcell. He was the first Catholic priest consecrated in the United States.

☞ A fellow who was being led to execution told the officers they must not take him through a certain street, least a merchant who resided there should arrest him for an old debt.

HEAVY DAMAGES.—The Springfield *Republican* states that the editor of the Brattleboro *Statesman* has recovered seven dollars of the editor of the Brattleboro *Eagle*, in a suit for libel.

☞ The Hungarian by whom the attempt was made to assassinate the Emperor of Austria, was one whose wife had been flogged to death by the Austrians at Pesth, in 1849.

☞ If you have once been in company with an idle person 'tis enough. You need never go again. You have heard all he knows. Idlers make no improvements.

☞ The N. O. papers of Sunday have been received. A union Whig Convention has been called in Georgia to meet on the 4th Wednesday in June.

☞ If you wish to make yourself a favorite with your neighbor, buy a dog and tie him up in the cellar at night. They won't sleep any all that night for thinking of your.

☞ The sixteen persons who were wounded by the late accident on the Baltimore and Ohio Railway, and left under medical treatment at Cumberland, are all doing well, and will soon be able to take their departure.

☞ One of the most interesting relics in Philadelphia may be seen in North Second street, viz: The first lightning-rod erected by Dr. Franklin, which still stretches its attenuated fingers towards the heavens.

☞ Vice President King, it is said, owned an estate of 2,000 acres of rich land in Dallas county, Ala., with 150 slaves. It is also stated that he has left the bulk of his property to the poorest of his relations, though all are comfortably provided for.

☞ A quizzical correspondent of the *New York Independent* says: "It is proposed to organize a Preacher's Protective Union; also to publish a list of all 'trotting churches,' to hold them up to deserved scorn. A relief fund will be founded, for preachers 'out on a strike.'"

☞ Archibald McLean, Postmaster of Moss Side, Allegheny county, Pa, has been arrested and held to bail in the sum of $5,000 to answer a charge of embezzling a letter containing $40.

☞ Suppose Spain refuses to receive our Frenchman, as she has plenty of reason to refuse to receive him—what then?—*Louisville Journal.*

Well *what* then? Wouldn't "pushing" grow on vines, still?—*Louisville Democrat.*

☞ During the shower of last evening, says the Boston *Traveller* of the 27th, the lightning struck the water near Boston wharf. This morning a large number of dead fishes, supposed to have been killed by the shock were floating in the vicinity.

☞ Mr. Broadhead, a brother of the Senator and a resident of Pike county, Pa, has been appointed Inspector of Timber at the Philadelphia Navy Yard.

A ROUND SALARY.—The New York *Mirror* says a gentleman of that city has been appointed Agent of the Panama Railroad Company at a salary of $6,000 a year; in addition to which four Insurance Companies have agreed to give him $10,000 a year—making $16,000. Total amount of salary per annum, One hundred thousand dollars!

☞ The N. Y. *National Democrat* is "authorized to say that President Pierce will, in the course of a few days, pay a visit to New-Hampshire. He intends to be absent from Washington about two weeks."

☞ Of the puns belonging to Dr. Barton, we believe that the following is little known:

A gentleman coming into his room, told him that Dr Vowel was dead. "What," said he "Vowel dead.—Thank God it is neither u. nor i."

ERIE ACADEMY.—The Summer Term of this Institution will commence on Monday the 9th inst. Pupils are requested to be on hand at the opening. May 7.

ERIE AND EDINBORO PLANK ROAD.—The President and Managers have directed a semi-annual dividend of three per cent. on the capital stock of the Company, payable at the office of the Treasurer, on and after May 9th.
May 7 WM. A. GALBRAITH, Treasurer.

A CARD.

MRS WINSLOW TO THE LADIES.—Mrs. Winslow, an old and experienced nurse and female physician, would call the attention of the ladies to her Soothing Syrup for children teething. It will immediately relieve them from pain, allay all spasmodic action, soften the gums, reduce inflammation, and is sure to regulate the Bowels. Depend upon it Mothers, it will give rest to yourselves and relief and health to your children. Price 25 cents per bottle.

We have sold very large quantities of Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup during the past six years, over 20,000 bottles the last year. We believe it the best medicine in the world for Children teething or for the cure of Dysentery and Diarrhea in Children whether it arises from teething or any other cause. It gives universal satisfaction—never heard a complaint from any one using it—never sold a medicine so universally success full in relieving pain and effecting cures. In all cases above stated if taken in season relief is IMMEDIATE and ABSOLUTELY CERTAIN.

CURTIS & PERKINS, Druggists, formerly of Bangor, Me—now at No 40 Courtlandt street New York. Agents are now being established in all the principal towns in the state of New York. SCRAMP AND PAIN KILLER. The world is astonished at the wonderful cures performed by the Cramp and Pain Killer, prepared by Curtis & Perkins. It equal has never been known for removing pain in all cases: for the cure of spinal complaints, cramp in the limbs and stomach, rheumatism in all its forms, bilious cholic, chills and fever burns, sore throat, and gravel, it is decidedly the best remedy in the world. Evidence of the most wonderful cures ever performed by any medicine are on the circulars in the hands of Agents—you may be positively sure of relief if you use it. Millions of bottles of this medicine have been sold in New England the past six or eight years—it is now for the first time being introduced into all the principal towns in New York.

N B—Be sure and call for CURTIS & PERKINS' Cramp and Pain Killer. All others bearing this name are base imitations.—Price 12½, 25, 37½ cents per bottle according to size. Also for sale those popular WILD CHERRY BITTERS for the cure of Bilious and Jaundice complaints, and general debility. They quicken the blood and give new life and energy to the whole system. Price only 37½ cents in Pint Bottles. Boyd & Paul, No. 40 Courtlandt street, New York, wholesale agents for all the above medicines. Application for agencies or orders for the above medicines must be directed to Curtis & Perkins, No. 40 Courtlandt street, New York. Also for sale by the following agents—Carter & Brother, J H. Burton & Co., Erie, Pa; Parsons & Whitmore, Westfield; J. B Boggs, Dunkirk; A Sexton, Forrestville, N. Y.; W. Wells & Co., Ashtabula; Lewis H. Kelly, Painesville; Hayward, Woods & Co., Cleveland, Ohio. 1y43

News by Telegraph and Mail.

Accident on the N. Y. & New Haven Railroad.

We are indebted to Mr. W. B. ROGERS, of the O'Riley Line for the following despatch dated

NORWALK, May 6.

The train that left N. Y. at 7 o'clock this morning, ran off the draw-bridge at this place, owing to its having been carelessly left open. Fifty lives are reported to have been lost. One car now entirely submerged, full of passengers.

SECOND DISPATCH.

One car was completely submerged and two others entirely demolished. There has been a terrible loss of life. Report says that there has been fifty killed and drowned. The Conductor, Mr. Comstock, is badly injured. The Engine two baggage cars and the smoking apartment went into the river. The passengers in them were all drowned.

WASHINGTON, May 4.

The President has appointed Hon John T. Hudson, Collector, and James G Dickie, Postmaster, Buffalo.

H S. Sedgwick, Postmaster, Syracuse.
E P. Ross, P. M, Auburn.
——— Pease, P. M, Poughkeepsie.
Samuel R Beardsley, Postmaster, Oswego.
E. S. Anable, Postmaster, Oswego.
——— Parker, Postmaster, Geneva.
——— Tiffany, Postmaster, Utica.
——— Miller, Postmaster, Seneca Falls.
——— Parkhurst, Postmaster, Rome.
——— Cheesebro, Postmaster, Canandaigua.

The appointments for Albany, Troy and Waterloo and other places, lay over.

NEW YORK, May 5.

The Asia, with dates to the 23d April, arrived from Liverpool this morning.

The Franklin arrived off Cowes on the 20th ultimo.

Another dissolution of the Spanish Ministry.

Kossuth's friends are commencing a prosecution against the London *Times* for libel.

Raspel has been granted his pardon with a condition.

From Turkey it is stated that the Russian ambassador had threatened to leave unless matters were settled.

Mrs. Stowe was receiving great attention at Edinburgh and other places.

A conspiracy has been brought to light at Hanover.—Many arrests have been made.

The Earl of Clarendon in the House of Lords, pending the question of the Fisheries, said that the British Squadron would cruise the Fishing Grounds the same as last year.

MARRIED.

On the 4th inst., by Rev. G. A. Lyon, Mr. SAMUEL M CARPENTER, of Cleveland, O., (formerly of this city) and Miss ANNA C. MATHEWS, of Erie.

The happy couple have our best wishes for their prosperity and welfare, may they be blessed with an abundance of those "shining little fellows," one of which we received with the above notice.

At the Clarendon in Buffalo, on the 31 inst., by the Rev. Dr. Hickok, C. K. Judson, Editor of the Whig, Randolph, Cattaraugus, Co. and Miss LUCY INGERSOLL, of Albion, Orleans, Co., N. Y.

On the 5th inst, by Rev J. M. Lowe, Mr. GEORGE LAWYER, and Miss MARY PEDRO, all of this city.

On the 31 inst., by the Rev. Mr. Pressley, Mr SAMUEL McCREE, and Miss HELEN M KEEFER, all of Erie.

DIED.

On the 16th ult at Silvercreek, Chaut. Co, N Y. Rev S. B SULLIVAN, aged 29 years.

On the 29th ult, AMELIA J. KENNEDY, aged 9